

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 11 and 22 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-22 are pending.

The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 11-15 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 11 has rewritten to be in independent form, so it is believed that claims 11-15 are now allowable.

Claim 22 has been amended to depend from claim 20 to overcome the objection made in the office action.

Claims 1-10 and 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukuda (US 6,162,140) in view of Uyeda, et al (US 4,521,731). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

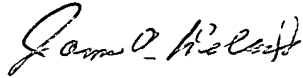
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the surface that extends radially inwardly relative to the inner peripheral surface is nonrotatably connected to the inner peripheral surface to face an axially facing surface of the mounting boss. Fukuda discloses a sensor retainer (300) comprising an annular member with a plurality of splines (354) that engage a plurality of splines (350) formed on a sprocket mounting sleeve (340). A separate lock ring (368) has a threaded outer peripheral surface (364) that screws into a threaded inner peripheral surface (360) of the sprocket mounting sleeve (340). A radially outwardly extending flange is formed at the outer end of lock ring (368) in order to fix retainer (300) to hub (320). Insofar as the flange is interpreted to be a radially inwardly extending surface, then it is not nonrotatably connected to the inner peripheral surface of sensor retainer (300). Thus, neither Fukuda, et al nor Uyeda, et al disclose or suggest the presently claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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